

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

House Meets At...	Votes Predicted At...
10:00 a.m. For Legislative Business	Last Vote: 5:00 p.m.
Fifteen "One-minutes" Per Side	

Any anticipated Member absences for votes this week should be reported to the Office of the Majority Whip at 226-3210.

Floor Schedule and Procedure

- **Suspension Bill:** Today, the House will consider several bills on the Suspension calendar. Bills considered on the Suspension calendar are debatable for 40 minutes; may not be amended; and require a two-thirds vote for passage. If a recorded vote is requested, it will be postponed.
 1. [H.R. 1252](#) - Federal Price Gouging Prevention Act (*Rep. Stupak – Energy and Commerce*)
- **H. Res. 429-Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1100, the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site Boundary Revision Act of 2007 (Arcuri-Rules):** The structured rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the rules committee report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Debate on the rule will be managed by Rep. Arcuri and consideration will proceed in the following order:
 - One hour of debate on the rule.
 - Possible vote on a Democratic motion to move the previous question. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on the motion.**
 - Vote on adoption of the rule. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on adoption of the rule.**
- **H.R. 1100-the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site Boundary Revision Act of 2007 (Shuler-Natural Resources):** Pursuant to the rule, debate on the bill will be managed by Natural Resources Committee Chair Rep. Nick Rahall, or his designee, and will proceed in the following order:
 - One hour of debate on the bill.
 - Debate and votes on amendments to the bill.
 - Possible debate and vote on a Republican motion to recommit the bill.

- Vote on final passage of the bill. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on final passage.**
- **Additional Suspension Bills:** Bills considered on the Suspension calendar are debatable for 40 minutes; may not be amended; and require a two-thirds vote for passage. If a recorded vote is requested, it will be postponed.
 1. **H.R. ____** - To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide an exception to the 60-day limit on Medicare reciprocal billing arrangements between two physicians during the period in which one of the physicians is ordered to active duty as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces (*Rep. Mike Thompson – Ways and Means / Energy and Commerce*)
 2. **H.Res. 392** - Urging Americans and people of all nationalities to visit the American Cemeteries, Memorials and Markers (*Rep. Lamborn – Veterans’ Affairs*)
 3. **H.R. 67** - Veterans Outreach Improvement Act of 2007 (*Rep. McIntyre – Veterans’ Affairs*)
 4. **H.R. 1660**– To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the southern Colorado region (*Rep. Salazar – Veterans’ Affairs / Way and Means*)
 5. **H.R. 612** - Returning Servicemember VA Healthcare Insurance Act of 2007 (*Rep. Filner – Veterans’ Affairs*)
 6. **H.R. 1470** - Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act (*Rep. Filner – Veterans’ Affairs*)
 7. **H.R. 2199** – Traumatic Brain Injury Health Enhancement and Long-Term Support Act of 2007 (*Rep. Michaud – Veterans’ Affairs*)
 8. **H.R. 2239** - Early Access to Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Benefits Act (*Rep. Boozman – Veterans’ Affairs*)

Bill Summary and Key Issues

Anticipated Amendments to H.R. 1100:

Bishop, Rob (UT) - The amendment delays the acquisition of any new land for the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site until after deferred maintenance has been completed at the site. – 10 minutes

Bishop, Rob (UT) - The amendment reduces the total amount of acreage which can be acquired for the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site from 115 acres to five (for use as a visitor center and parking lot). – 10 minutes

Heller (NV) - The amendment eliminates the use of appropriated funds to acquire 110 acres of land for the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site, but

still allows the land to be acquired by donation, purchase with donated funds or by exchange with other lands. – 10 minutes

H.R. 1100- the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site Boundary Revision Act of 2007

- Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site. The 264-acre Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site preserves the farm where the two-time Pulitzer Prize winning author and his family lived for the last 22 years of his life (1945-1967). Carl Sandburg was one of America's most versatile and recognized writers whose stories, histories, songs and poems captured and recorded America's traditions, struggles, and dreams. The historic site is near Flat Rock, in western North Carolina, and was established as a unit of the National Park System in 1968.
- National Park Service Recommendation. H.R. 1100 carries out a National Park Service recommendation to expand the historic site's boundary by up to 115 acres to allow construction of a visitor center and parking lot as well as to protect the pastoral views from Sandburg's estate. This recommendation was developed through a 4-year planning process that involved extensive community input. H.R. 1100 authorizes the Secretary to acquire the land from willing sellers only. All of the affected landowners have agreed to have their parcels included in the proposal to expand the historic site.

Quote of the Day

"The truth is incontrovertible, malice may attack it, ignorance may deride it, but in the end; there it is." –Winston Churchill

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